

is currently a board member of the Fall Food and Wine Committee. Ms. Callaghan has also done extensive work with the Junior League of Pasadena where she was involved in a variety of community projects. Through the Junior League, she was able to assist in the production of a foster family recruitment video and worked on the Pediatric Play Therapy project.

Now that she is retired, Trish intends to spend more time with family and friends, and continue her volunteer work. Trish is looking forward to working as a docent at the Japanese Garden in the Huntington Library, where she will give tours to 4th–12th grade students.

Ms. Callaghan's devotion to her career and her long-term commitment to the prosperity of our community serves as a true inspiration to us all. I ask all members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Patricia "Trish" Callaghan.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE NEGRO BASEBALL LEAGUES AND THEIR PLAYERS

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 6, 2007*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 162, recognizing the contributions of the Negro Baseball Leagues and their players for their achievements, dedication and sacrifices to baseball and the Nation.

During the late 1800s, despite numerous attempts, viable, professional leagues, with players of color, had difficulty growing into large professional enterprises. The Negro Baseball League grew out of both necessity, as segregation prevented players of color from participating in organized leagues, such as the National Association of Base Ball Players, which banned black athletes, and a love for the game of baseball. During these times, although few black players played alongside white players most were subjected to regional prejudices and bans preventing black players from playing, lodging or eating in segregated establishments.

In the years following the American Civil War and the Reconstruction era, black baseball emerged as a viable and exciting enterprise in the East and Mid-Atlantic states. One of the first baseball games between two all-black teams was held in September 1860 in Hoboken, New Jersey. In the years that followed, black teams played one another when they could, through informal networks. In the early 1880s there were some 200 all-black independent teams that played one another throughout the country. It would take the collaboration of three men: John W. "Bud" Fowler, one of the first known professional black baseball players; Moses "Fleetwood" Walker and Frank Grant to organize these teams in what became known as the Negro League.

The first all-black professional team was formed in 1885, when the Babylon Black Panthers was sponsored by a white businessman from Trenton, New Jersey. Renamed the Cuban Giants, the team, along with 10 others, formed the first Negro League, called the southern League of Base Ballists. The league

was a commercial success and by the end of World War I black baseball had become the premier entertainment attraction for urban black populations. In 1920, under the leadership of Andrew "Rube" Foster, owner of the Chicago American Giants, the disparate black leagues of the National Negro League was formed.

Throughout the history of the Negro League players filled stands, electrified fans and performed athletic feats that were previously unimaginable. The skills, spirit and dedication of players not only contributed to the viability of all-black teams but also helped integrate the sport of baseball. Players like Jackie Robinson, the first black player to play in the major league, Larry Doby, Leroy "Satchel" Paige and so many others found their start in the Negro League and without the Negro League baseball might not be the consummate American sport it is today.

#### A TRIBUTE TO DIANE ACOSTA

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Diane Acosta, of San Gabriel, California. Each year in March, in recognition of Women's History Month, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women.

Diane was born in Los Angeles, California, and grew up in the San Gabriel Valley. She attended Rosemead High School and then went on to receive a bachelor's degree in social work from California State University Los Angeles.

Ms. Acosta began her career as general partner for a marketing consulting company where her clients included a regional shopping center, various hospitals, small and large businesses, and non-profit organizations. She currently is the development director for San Gabriel Union Church and Christian School where she is responsible for community outreach, fundraising, volunteer coordination, and special event planning. She has been with the church and school for the last 5 years.

Her involvement with the San Gabriel Union Church has provided Diane with a new medium for reaching out to those facing hardship. She is a member of the Deacon Ministry, a group that strives to meet the emergency physical, financial, health, and emotional needs of the church's congregation. Diane is also a member of the Outreach Ministry Teams, a group that develops new ways for the church to become a more effective community partner.

Most notably, Diane is admired for her dedication to the community she feels lucky to call home. She is a board member for both the San Gabriel and Temple City Chambers of Commerce and she is the president of the San Gabriel Community Coordinating Council. She is also a board member of the San Gabriel Community Foundation, a member of the San Gabriel Education Foundation, and has held leadership positions with local Parent Teacher Associations.

In addition to her many professional and personal accomplishments, Ms. Acosta is a wife and mother of three children. She enjoys

watching her kids play sports, going on vacation, and spending time with good friends.

Ms. Acosta's devotion to her career and her long-time commitment to the prosperity of our community serves as a true inspiration to us all. I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Diane Acosta.

#### A TRIBUTE TO JASIK "JASMEN" JARAHIAN

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ms. Jasik "Jasmen" Jarahian. Each year in March, in recognition of Women's History Month, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women.

Born in Iran, Jasmen received her master's degree in accounting and held various positions with the York Shire Insurance Company in Tehran, Iran. In 1984, Jasmen moved to the United States and settled in Glendale, California. She joined Group Services and Tax Management Company, owned by her brother.

Since 1991, Mrs. Jarahian has been the general accountant/controller for the Armenian Relief Society of the Western United States of America (ARS). Mrs. Jarahian oversees a variety of funds, orphan sponsorships, and the coordinating of assistance. Her efforts have helped the Armenian Relief Society provide philanthropic assistance to isolated villages in Armenia and Artsakh (Karabagh). For almost 100 years, the Armenian Relief Society has "brought women together to laugh or cry, cook or eat, learn or teach, always serving, always striving for something larger than ourselves." Mrs. Jarahian's work in our community is an ideal illustration of that mission.

In addition to her work with the Armenian Relief Society, Mrs. Jarahian is an active member of Homenetmen (Armenian General Athletic Union). She is a founding member of the Davtian-Meyramian Educational Foundation, a non-profit organization that organizes after-school programs that promote education and multiculturalism for children in elementary and middle school. Mrs. Jarahian also does volunteer work with the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry Project, a group whose mission it is to recruit and provide matched unrelated donors for bone marrow or stem cell transplantation for patients that are suffering from leukemia or other blood related illnesses.

She was named "Mother of the Year" by the North Hollywood ARS Meghri Chapter and was deemed an "Honorary Artsakh Citizen" by the Dzaghgatsogh Village. Jasmen became an honorary citizen after several years of leading efforts to renovate Dzaghgatsogh Village, including the museum, the local hall, and school. Jasmen spends her free time mentoring women and enjoys inspiring others to volunteer.

Mrs. Jarahian's devotion to her career and her long-time commitment to the prosperity of our community serves as a true inspiration to us all. I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Jasik "Jasmen" Jarahian.